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Morris Minor National Rally 2017

Bendigo (swap meeting)

Morris Minor Garage

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We had a fantastic three-day rally and Victoria turned on the best weather!

Friday

We kicked off with a great dinner at the **Quality Resort All Seasons, Bendigo**. The entrance to the Resort looked magnificent: two Morris Minors, flags and a 7 metre long fence banner depicting the National Rally and Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria logos.

Our dining room, decorated with banners and a slide show presentation on a big screen, looked magnificent. **Approximately 90 people attended**. Braidy Davies, President of the host club (Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria) welcomed everyone to the rally. Mark Parritt and Richard McKellar hosted the night. Daryl Meek (RACV) gave a talk on the historic and classic car events he had attended, that are sponsored by the RACV each year. This was followed by a presentation on the new LED replacement lamps we can use on our Morris Minors, given by Darren Goff of **Minor Magic**. Richard McKellar spoke on the restoration work and parts available from the **Morris Minor Company of Australia** (Thorpe), plus a talk on Graphic Design **RMD** (Corporate Identity) and the **Morris Minor Garage**. Richard concluded his presentation with how to prepare your car for Concours.

Saturday

Some Rally participants went to the **Bendigo Swap Meet**, and I believe a few left the venue loaded up with copious items!

The visit to the **Morris Minor Garage** was an enormous success with about 100 Rally participants visiting over the day. A **leisurely cruise** followed from Harcourt to Malmsbury. The informal Dinner at the **Wheelers Hill Hotel** was an opportunity to relax and have time to meet and greet other Rally participants after such an eventful day.

Sunday

The **Show and Shine at Caribbean Gardens** was fantastic success. The weather was perfect for the outdoor display. So many beautiful Morris Minors were on show. Following registration, **People's Choice** and **Master Concourse** judging began. During judging, most Rally participants were either admiring the Morris Minors or visiting the market to purchase coffee, food or the variety of other goods for sale.

The **Rocker Cover racing** proved a great success, drawing a large crowd to watch the event. There were few entrants, but competition was furious! Graham Dines of the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria was declared the winner. Best Presented went to Graeme Gould of the Morris Minor Car Club of Queensland. Many thanks to Bruce Kerr for running the event.

Trophy presentations took place at 2pm. In most cases, few votes separated winners from other competition vehicles, as the standard was very high.

18th National Rally 2017 Trophy Winners

- 1/ **Best Light Commercial Vehicle:** Graeme Gould. MMCC of NSW
- 2/ **Best Convertible:** Rod Dawes. 00928M, Gippsland Sporting and Classic Car Register.
- 3/ **Best Series 2 Sedan:** Kate Halford. KNJ000, BSMCC
- 4/ **Best Series MM Sedan:** Colin Trussler. BTA14P. MMCC of NSW
- 5/ **Best Series 1000 Sedan:** Rod Sloan. 86980H, MMCC of Vic
- 6/ **Best Traveller:** Lyn Waites. 02508H, MMCC of VIC
- 7/ **Best Overall Rally Morris Minor:** Paul Hamer. MMT55, BSMCC



8/ Best Vehicle other than a post-war Morris Minor: Ross Jamison. Morris Register

9/ Best Rally Storyboard: Wendy Korsten. MM1953, MMCC of Vic

10/ Furthest Travelled: Brian Parkes. BP 021, MMCC of WA

11/ Rocker cover winner. Graham Dines. MMCC of Vic

12/ Best Presented Rocker Cover: Graeme Gould. MMCC of NSW

13/ Reg Tilley perpetual Trophy: Kate Hudson. Joyful. MMCC of Vic

14/ Paul Kelly Trophy. Best Customised Morris Minor: Luke More. Squaw 4. Castlemaine Historic Vehicle Club.

15/ Morris Minor Down Under Trophy: Brian Condon. MMCC of NSW.

16/ Issigonis Trophy for the club that wins the most trophies at the National Rally, went to the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria.

Masters Trophies

1/ Restored Morris Minor Commercial: Bill McKellar. CH4018, MMCC of Vic

2/ Restored Morris Minor Traveller: Paul Hamer. MMT55, BSMMCC

3/ Modified Morris Minor Traveller: David Edwards. CJ6621, MMCC of TAS

4/ Restored Morris Minor Tourer: Marie Turner. 13910 H. SPCHCC

5/ Restored Morris Minor Sedan: Wendy Korsten. MM1953, MMCC of QLD

6/ Modified B Convertible: Lesley Dines. LELS, MMCC of Vic.

The Rally concluded with the delegates' meeting

The National Rally committee thanks all those who participated in the Rally, coming from far and wide. Special thanks to all the volunteers from the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria for assisting with registration, the all-day morning tea & coffee, counting votes and those who out in the hot sun directing traffic.

Many thanks also to the Rally Sponsors: R.A.C.V, Minor Magic, Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Car Club, Ross & Ann Carr, Sue Littlehales, Brian Parkes, Morris Minor Garage, Robert Thorpe, Morris Minor Australia (Thorpe), Carr Mechanical Services, Fox Trophies, and Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria.

Our special thanks go to the hard-working committee members that arranged such a successful rally.

Feedback

We received **overwhelming positive feedback** from attendees. The pay as you go, opt-in / opt-out approach for all events was well received. All events were very well attended, and in all occasions – exceeded expectations.

The simple approach made for a stress free National Rally.

We look forward to the next National Rally

Mark Parritt and Richard McKellar